

# THE DEMOCRAT

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Our financial system makes business sick.

"Equal rights to all; special privileges to none" is Democrat.

He who does most for the benefit of all citizens is most patriotic.

Keep inviolate all the good resolutions you made New Year's day.

The American people will return to bimetalism—silver and gold at 16 to 1.

Monroe City should have many manufacturing plants at the close of 1899. We can if we will.

Let each one of us do all in our power for the advancement of our country, our State, our locality.

The giving of \$2,000 to every fellow who makes a contest for a seat in congress is costing this country considerable money and should be stopped.

Legislation for the common good is what the people desire. Legislation against the interests of the masses is what trusts and monopolies work for.

Through Republican legislation our people must pay out their hard earned money to a class whose business is naturally more remunerative than that of our farmers. Why should it be so?

The position of the Republican party on the financial question should never again fool the people. Prior to the election of McKinley the Republican party claimed to be for the use of both metals as money.

The only way to restore prosperity to all the people and to make America leap further forward in her progress as a nation is to elect a Democrat President together with a Democrat congress.

Trusts are organized to benefit only those who are members of the trust; the great mass of citizens are robbed in order that larger dividends can be paid members of the trusts and the Republican party favors the trusts by legislation.

If you live in or near Monroe City, do all your trading here during 1899 with our live up-to-date merchants. They keep large stocks to select from and sell at a reasonable profit. Keep an eye on the DEMOCRAT and you will see their advertisements.

If any class of citizens are to receive bounties it should be the farmers who raise the corn, the wheat, the oats, the cattle, the hogs, the horses; as their profits are not so large as are that class of people whom Republicans pay bounties.

All over the country the good people are beginning to realize that the whipping post is almost a necessity. Too many worthless people commit petty crimes in order to receive board

# GREAT JANUARY CASH CLEARANCE SALE

—AT—

## Williamson & Ragsdale's

Beginning

### Friday Morning, January 6th, 1899

Every Department in the House will Contribute to this GREAT SALE.

Dry Goods, Gents' Furnishings, Underwear, Boots and Shoes, Hats and Caps.

Groceries, Tinware, Queensware, Rubber Goods of all Kinds, Mackintoshes, Trunks and Valises.

Groceries:		Dry Goods:	
10 Packages Coffee.....	\$1 00	4-4 Extra Good Bleached Muslin.....	5
10 Pounds bulk Coffee.....	1 00	Good Brown Muslin.....	3 1/2
12 Cans Sweet Corn.....	75	Cotton Flannel.....	4
1 Can Squirrel Salmon.....	15	Heavy Lined Duck Coats.....	75
1 Large Bottle Catsup.....	10	Pants No. 209, worth \$1.00 for.....	75
12 Cans Tomatoes.....	95	Extra Quality all wool Blankets worth \$5.00 for.....	\$3 25
1 No. 2 Lamp Chimney.....	5	12-4 White Blankets, worth \$1.50 for.....	1 25
18 Pounds Granulated Sugar.....	1 00		
1 Half Gallon Tin Cup.....	5		
1 Wire Egg Beater.....	1		
1 set Knives and Forks.....	45		
1 Gallon Can Apples.....	25		
5 Pint Cups.....	5		
1 Package Corn Starch.....	5		

We want you to come to our Store, whether you wish to buy or not. We would be glad to show you. Wishing you a Happy and Prosperous New Year we remain  
Yours Very Truly,

## Williamson & Ragsdale.

and shelter at the public expense. This is costing the people much money. The whipping post will save the people much money and reduce the number of criminals and will have a tendency to make the people act better. Let us at least give it a trial.

The Spaniards, as a nation, deceived themselves into believing that they could defeat the Americans in battle. There are to-day in America a class who are trying to get the Americans to deceive themselves and think we are a prosperous people, when the truth is, all wealth is rapidly passing from the hands of the masses into the hands of the favored few. We must not be deluded by the song of the siren. We must realize our true condition. Then we are in a position to correct the evil. The plain people of America should be prosperous. The truth is they are not. Why?

There are many questions of great importance before the American people, but the greatest and most vital is the financial question. Until this question is settled and settled right there can be no settlement of other questions. Money is the life blood of business and in order that business be healthy there must be a stable currency.

This we do not have under the gold standard. Even though demonetized, silver, when compared with products, is more stable than is gold. Prices have steadily declined with silver. Of course there have been times when some products and silver have parted company for a time, but that was caused by supply and demand.

We have begun work for the year 1899. Every citizen desires to see our city advance more rapidly than at any in its history. We desire to see Monroe City a much better town on January 1, 1900, than she was January 1, 1899. This being so, we must do something to make it a better town. We cannot sit around and expect everything to come to us, but we must get out and hustle. Just now we need more labor employing institutions. We can and should get them. W. R. P. Jackson, the popular cashier of the Farmers & Merchants Bank, has a patent on a hay loader and makes an offer which should secure for our city a hay loader factory. Then there is no reason why all our agricultural implements should be manufactured in Illinois or more distant States. They can profitably be manufactured in our city. We must do something for our

town. We must all work together as in that way only can we accomplish anything. A live business men's organization could do much for our town. Will such be organized? Speak to your fellow citizens, as we must be up and doing.

List of Letters.  
Remaining unclaimed in postoffice at Monroe City, Mo. on Jan. 4, 1899.  
Mattie L. Garnett; A. R. Huskey; Miss Rosa Harris; Mrs. Wm. Sarty; Mrs. Geo. Wagner.  
To obtain any of these letters person must say advertised.  
J. P. PATTON, p. m.

Well Whipped.  
Evansville, Ind., Jan. 3.—Minor Garrett, Edgar Gardner, Elijah Scott, Frank Curl and William Morris, four boys ranging from 10 to 12 years, were given a public whipping in the court room for stealing some old wash boilers.

The sober second thought of the people is gaining ground. The anti-imperialist are gaining strength while the expansion wing is becoming weaker each day.

Is it decidedly strange that the Postmaster General of the United States can see the class of advertisements that go into the country press, but cannot find them in the Dailies. It is possible that what is a crime in a country paper is a virtue in a Daily, from his point of view.

Thanks The People.  
W. J. ROUSE, ESQ.,  
Monroe City DEMOCRAT Editor

DEAR SIR:  
I am in receipt of the issue of the DEMOCRAT of 29th. inst., and note the report given of the rabbit hunt this month as compared with last year and showing increased interest in it by the good citizens of Marion Shelby Monroe and Ralls counties although the product was less than last year. The failure, I see, was owing to scarcity of rabbits and not to diligent hunt and skill-marksanship. Please through your columns communicate to all concerned the thanks of this association and through us of multitudes of the poor who were beneficiaries of their bounty. We supplemented their contribution by the purchase of 480 rabbits in order to supply the number summoned by card to come to the place of distribution, making in all 771 and giving to at least 2500 persons a Christmas repast and with it the additional cheer of a token of good will.

When you are in the city call at our new quarters, 1623 Washington Avenue.

With assurances of our grateful appreciation of your interest and cooperation in our charitable work,

Yours cordially,  
THOS. M. FINNEY, Genl. Mgr.

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday ought to be the biggest kind of an eye opener on the gravel road question. In greeting the farmers on the streets and in speaking of the roads, dozens of them said—roads, they were so rough they almost shook me out of the wagon; but when I struck the gravel I could drive in a trot, while others said, roads, confound the roads, I led my horse until I struck the gravel, and then rode in. It matters not whether the gentlemen came from one direction or the other, it was the same story, so in turning over a new leaf, mark the front one in big letters, Gravel Roads, and then live up to it.

After all of the bluster and blow of Boston about her new Union Station being the largest in the world, actual measurements show that the Union Station in the Future Great, the Metropolis of the Grand Old State is larger than that of the Nut Meg State. The figures are as follows: St. Louis actual train shed 700 feet long; width 601 feet, while Boston has a shed length of 600 feet and a width of 560 feet.

The Shelby Democrat is now in its thirty-first volume and as it grows older it improves. Jewett & Cox are enterprising newspaper men and are giving Shelby a paper of which she should be proud.

Jno. W. Stephens, our efficient city marshal, has received the appointment of deputy sheriff and was sworn in yesterday. It is safe to say that Sheriff Clark has made no mistake in this appointment.

At Bridgeville, Del., they have precocious children and their parents are, well, they are still worse. A few days since a boy of 16 summers and a girl of 11 springs were united in marriage, with the consent of their parents.

The Queen City Leader, published by W. C. Briggs has entered its third year with bright prospects for the future.